GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA

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IMPACT OF LAND MISMANAGEMENT
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a)Whether land mismanagement is having adverse impact on poverty alleviation as well as annual growth rate;

(b) If so, whether the gross domestic product is estimated to be less than 1.3 per cent as a result thereof;

(c) If not, the assessment made by the Government in this regard;

(d) Whether the Union Government has taken any measures in this regard; and

(e) If so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) to (c) : The Planning Commission is not aware of any rigorous analysis of land mismanagement and its impact on poverty alleviation as well as annual growth rate.

(d) & (e) : The Department of Land Resources under the Ministry of Rural Development is the nodal department concerned with land related issues. Development of degraded and wasteland, drought prone and desert areas are handled by the Department of Land Resources. Drought Prone Area Programme

(DPAP), Desert Development Programme(DDP) and Integrated Wasteland Development Project (IWDP) are implemented on watershed basis to improve productivity of these lands. In addition the Government of India also provides assistance to state governments to computerise land records and strengthen revenue administration for better land management.